

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 17, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katya Grover, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 140, 2/13/2015; HB 235, 2/13/2015; HB 287, 2/13/2015; HB 290, 2/13/2015

00:01:38 Rep. McCarthy arrived.

HEARING ON SB 140

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:49 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 140, Revise budget and expenditure comparison laws.

EXHIBIT(aph36a01)

00:02:58 Rep. Osmundson arrived.

00:04:02 Rep. Noonan arrived.

00:04:12 Chair Ballance

00:04:30 Rep. Burnett arrived.

00:04:34 Amy Carlson, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(aph36a02)

00:07:12 Rep. Tropila arrived.

00:09:27 Rep. Mehlhoff arrived.

00:10:41 Chair Ballance

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:16 Rep. Brodehl

00:11:39 Amy Carlson, LFD

00:12:38 Rep. Brodehl

00:12:44 Amy Carlson, LFD

00:12:49 Rep. Woods

00:13:05 Amy Carlson, LFD

00:16:09 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:16:42 Amy Carlson, LFD

EXHIBIT(aph36a03)

00:17:39 Rep. Tschida

00:18:21 Amy Carlson, LFD

00:19:22 Chair Ballance

00:19:31 Rep. Ehli

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:15 Sen. Jones

00:21:07 Rep. Jones arrived.

HEARING ON HB 235

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:13 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 235, Revise disposition of metalliferous mines license tax.

EXHIBIT(aph36a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:46 Tammy Johnson, Executive Director, Montana Mining Association (MMA)

00:27:01 Mark Lambrecht, Executive Director, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)

00:27:33 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:30:22 Leonard Wortman, Chair, Jefferson County Commissioners Courthouse (JCCC)

00:31:26 Ronda Wiggers, Barrick Golden Sunlight (BGS)

00:32:25 Sen. Sesso, SD 37

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:48 Jim Jensen, Executive Director, Montana Environmental Informational Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:56 Rep. Jones

00:38:39 Jim Jensen, MEIC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:25 Rep. Lynch

00:40:12 Chair Ballance

00:40:28 Recess

00:47:45 Reconvened. Rep. Osmundson was not present.

HEARING ON HB 287

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:02 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 287, Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:11 Karen Heisler, Executive Director, RDI Financial Inc. (RDI)

00:56:45 Heather O'Loughlin, Co-Director, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

00:57:52 Jim Nolan, Montana Human Resource Development Council Association (HRDC); Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:59:06 Brian Olsen, Income Tax Specialist, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:26 Rep. McCarthy
01:00:04 Brian Olsen, DOR
01:00:32 Rep. McCarthy
01:00:36 Brian Olsen, DOR
01:00:47 Rep. Tschida
01:01:08 Rep. Jacobson
01:01:13 Rep. Tschida
01:01:28 Rep. Jacobson
01:01:47 Brian Olsen, DOR
01:02:13 Rep. Tschida
01:02:19 Brian Olsen, DOR
01:02:30 Rep. Cuffe
01:02:53 Rep. Jacobson
01:02:59 Rep. Cuffe
01:03:04 Rep. Jacobson
01:03:35 Rep. Cuffe
01:03:53 Rep. Jacobson
01:06:30 Rep. Glimm
01:06:52 Brian Olsen, DOR
01:06:58 Rep. Glimm
01:07:08 Brian Olsen, DOR
01:08:11 Rep. Glimm
01:08:42 Brian Olsen, DOR
01:09:04 Rep. Woods
01:09:32 Brian Olsen, DOR
01:09:50 Rep. Tropila
01:11:06 Rep. Jacobson
01:12:49 Rep. Brodehl
01:13:05 Rep. Jacobson
01:13:14 Chair Ballance
01:13:42 Brian Olsen, DOR
01:14:00 Chair Ballance
01:14:15 Brian Olsen, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:34 Rep. Jacobson

HEARING ON HB 290**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:16:14 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 290, Require FWP to provide upon request the analyses supporting a government act.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:20 Bob Gilbert, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU), Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (WUM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:21:14 Becky Dockter, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:36 Rep. Ellis
01:22:20 Rep. White
01:22:59 Rep. Ellis
01:23:52 Rep. White
01:25:37 Chair Ballance
01:25:43 Rep. Cuffe
01:26:02 Chair Ballance
01:26:05 Rep. Tropila
01:26:43 Rep. White

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:03 Rep. White

01:27:52 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

01:28:15 Adjournment

Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph36aad.pdf](#))